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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 28, 2003, said period of response being extended from June 28, 2003 to September 28, 2003 (Sunday).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$465.00 to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

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